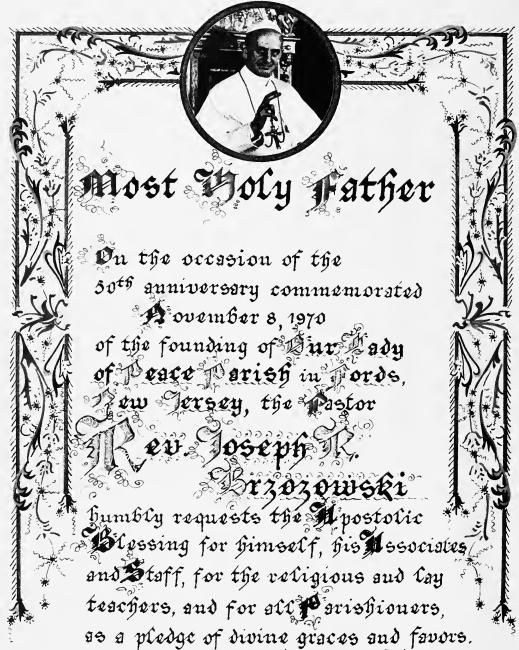


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THIS BOOKLET IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO BY THEIR GENEROSITY AND SACRIFICE OVER THESE FIFTY YEARS MADE THIS PARISH A TRULY LIVING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.



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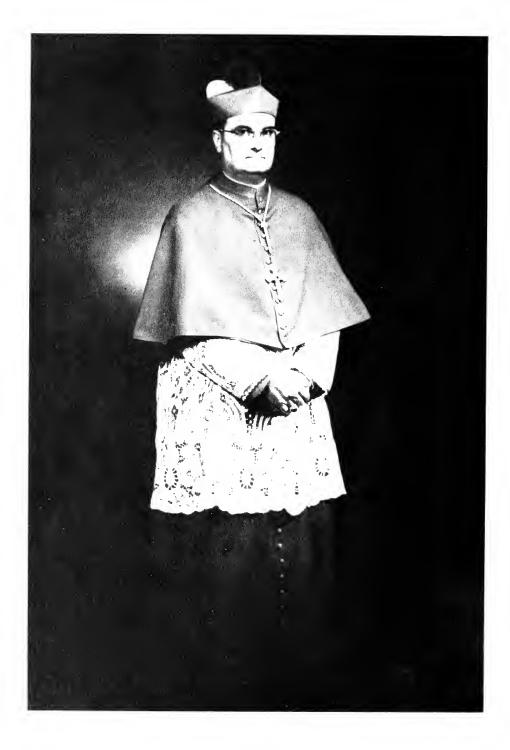
Coat of Arms of His Holiness Pope Paul VI

Coat of Arms for the Pope includes always a Papal Tiara above two crossed keys. The Tiara (or Papal Crown) is a tall head-dress of gold cloth ornamented with precious stones, encircled with three coronets and surmounted by a cross. The first circlet symbolizes the Pope's universal episcopate; the second his supremacy of jurisdiction; and the third his temporal influence.

The Crossed Keys are a symbol of the power and office of the Pope, the successor of Peter, to whom Our Lord said, "And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Pope Paul VI retains the same coat of arms he had as the Cardinal-Archbishop of Milan. The Pope's coat of arms depicts six mountains (representing his family name MONTINI), and three fleurs-de-lis (symbolizing the trinity.)

A Pontiff is free to choose whatever coat of arms he wishes, when assuming the Throne of Peter. The Papal Crest traditionally bears no motto.





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November 8, 1970

Rev. Joseph R. Brzozowski Our Lady of Peace Rectory Fords, New Jersey 08863

Dear Father Brzozowski:

It is a source of genuine pleasure for me to be able to participate in the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Our Lady of Peace Parish, and to extend my congratulations to the Priests, Sisters and people on this joyous occasion.

The celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the parish likewise calls to mind the devoted priests and faithful parishioners who by their sacrifices made possible the establishment of the parish, and whose memory we hold in prayerful and grateful esteem.

I join with you in thanking God for the blessings of years gone by, and in beseeching His loving care and protection in the time that lies ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Trenton



WILLIAM T. CAHILL

Governor



STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TRENTON

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November 8, 1970

Dear Father Brzozowski:

Permit me to join your many friends in expressing sincere congratulations to you and the parish of Our Lady of Peace Church on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee. This Jubilee has, of course, a personal significance to me inasmuch as you and I were classmates at Camden Catholic High School and have continued a warm, personal friendship ever since.

It is, therefore, with deep regret that I find it impossible to be present personally to join in the celebration. I have, however, come to know the history of the parish and the school and the contribution both have made to the community and to the State throughout the years.

I congratulate you, your assistants, the sisters, the lay teachers and all associated with the parish on the great contribution that has been made and wish all of you continued success and great happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours,

GOVERNOR

The Reverend Joseph R. Brzozowski Our Lady of Peace Church Fords, New Jersey



EDISON, NEW JERSEY

BERNARD J. DWYER
MAYOR

September 16, 1970

The Rev. Joseph R. Brzozowski Our Lady of Peace Church Fords, New Jersey

Dear Reverend Father:

The Township of Edison joins the throng of wellwishers to offer our heartiest thanks and congratulations on your Golden Jubilee Celebration.

This expression of gratitude to your Parish could never sufficiently describe the enormous impact for good that you have had on the development of the Township of Edison as a healthy and thriving community.

We recognize the salutary effect that you have had in educating thousands upon thousands of children and the spiritual influence and guidance to your more than 2800 families.

The Township of Edison, and the human community within its confines, bears the beneficial stamp and respect of all of your good work.

Again, please accept the Township's best wishes and appreciation for all of your good work, which will hopefully continue unending.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard

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September 15, 1970

Reverend Joseph R. Brzozowski Our Lady of Peace Church Fords, New Jersey

Dear Reverend Brzozowski:

This is to extend to you the sincere congratulations of the Township to your Parish on the celebration of its Golden Jubilee on N ovember 8th, 1970.

Since the first O ur Lady of Peace School was opened in the Fall of 1935, literally thousands of children of this community have received their education under its auspices.

Your Parish of 2,801 families can be justly proud of your present excellent school which enrolls 1,002 students and has a teaching staff of 10 Sisters and 17 Lay Teachers.

During the past fifty years, Our Lady of Peace Church has served the Fords community extremely well by meeting all the spiritual needs of its Parish members.

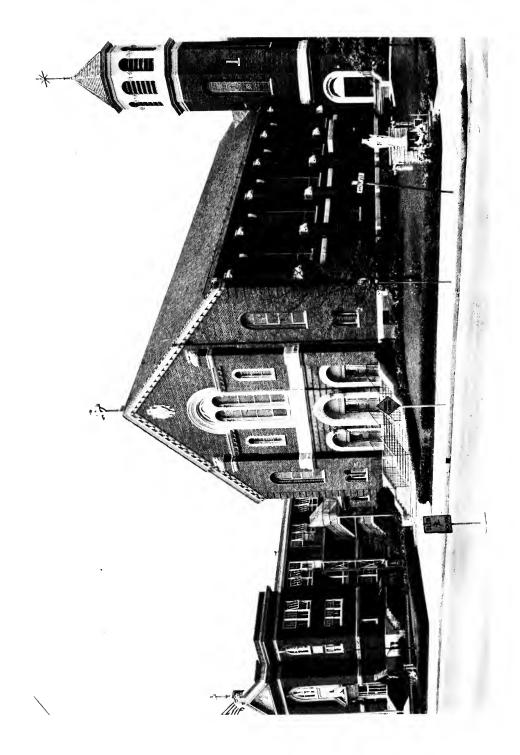
Congratulations again, on the outstanding past fifty years, and best wishes for perpetual continuation of your success.

Sincerely,

RALPH P. BARONE

Mayor

RPB/e



OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

FORDS, NEW JERSEY 08863

November 1970

Dear Parishioners:

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of our parish, we the priests who have the privilege of serving you, pray that: God the Father continue to bless you.......... God the Son encourage you in your difficulties,.....and God the Holy Spirit aid you in the pursuit of securing the salvation of your immortal souls.

Sincerely in Our Blessed Lady,

Fathers Brzozowski, Kearns, Deutsch

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In the FALL of 1970, Our Lady of Peace Parish will have completed Fifty Years of service to the People of God in the Fords area, which includes parts of Woodbridge and Edison townships.

As is generally the case, the beginnings were humble. Our Lady of Peace was established as a Mission to St. Mary's of Perth Amboy, and the first Mass was offered by the Reverend Dr. William P. Cantwell, Pastor of St. Mary's, in the Fairfield School, now Public School No. 7, on October 26, 1919, at 8:30 A.M. There were about seventyfive Catholic families comprising the new Mission. A committee immediately began working on the By-Laws, and the Church of Our Lady of Peace was legally incorporated, as recorded in Book K. "Incorporated Societies - Middlesex County, New Jersey", on November 24, 1919. The original signees were: The Most Reverend Thomas J. Walsh, The Bishop of Trenton; his Vicar General, Monsignor John H. Fox; Monsignor William P. Cantwell, and the two lay trustees. John Egan and Joseph E. Growney.

The "TWENTIES"

On July 4, 1920, the site of the Sunday Mass was moved to a building that was referred to with affection and respect as "The HUT". It was acquired from the Knights of Columbus, moved from the Raritan Arsenal, and located in the area known now as the ANNEX - Parish Center school yard. "The Hut" was for many years the center of all parish activities. The priests who served this MISSION in the 20's, all from St. Mary's, besides Monsignor Cantwell, were: Fathers Charles Prendergast, Joseph A. Ryan, John E. Larkin and Daniel Ready.

July 12, 1927, land was purchased on Ambov Avenue. between Maple and Ford Avenues, for a combination Church-School building. According to the parish minutes. the building "shall be erected for the sum of \$99,978,00". Upon completion of the building, Father C. B. Reagan was appointed on April 22, 1929, as the first resident pastor by Bishop John J. McMahon, In these 20's, the new MISSION.

besides the "care of all Roman Catholics of all languages and bloods within its territory" (Bishop Walsh) was assigned the additional responsibility of attending to the needs of the adults and children of Hungarian ancestry living in the area. Credit for its ability to respond successfully to this challenge must be justly given to the very generous cooperation of the parish of Our Lady of Hungary in Perth Amboy.

The "THIRTIES"

Father Cornelius B. Reagan was succeeded on March 29. 1932 by Father John Larkin, former curate of St. Mary's, Perth Amboy, During the five-year pastorate of Father Larkin, the first school of Our Lady of Peace was opened with little over 100 students and was staffed by the Sisters of Notre Dame, a semi-cloistered order. The Sisters used some of the classrooms on the second floor for their dormitory, kitchen and chapel, Father Joseph Ketter was appointed Pastor in 1937.





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The "FORTIES"

When the Sisters of Notre Dame, completing their temporary commitment to the school were preparing to leave, Father Ketter was instrumental in acquiring the services of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Newark, who, happily for us, are still staffing our school, Mother M. Athanasius and four Sisters came on September 8, 1940, and for the first two years they also lived in and slept in two vacant classrooms. In 1942 a home was bought on Wolff Avenue to serve as a temporary Convent.

Bishop William Griffin appointed Father William Sheridan in 1943 as the new pastor, to succeed Father Joseph Ketter. Father Sheridan distinguished himself in reducing the debt and was especially effective because of his gregarious nature, in establishing a fine community spirit amongst all the residents of Fords and surrounding communities. On Father Sheridan's sudden death at a Church service in May, 1947, Father John E. Grimes (now Monsignor Grimes), a native of South Amboy, was named successor.

The parish began to grow in membership, and to assist the pastor with his responsibilities the following curates served here during this decade: Fathers Joseph Vadas, George Talaber, Gerald Griffin, Joseph Kurtz and James Thompson.

The "FIFTIES"

The parish began to expand at a rapid rate. Monsignor Grimes set about on a program designed to meet the needs of the growing parish. The Parish Center (Annex) was built in 1951 consisting of six classrooms and an auditorium. Another home was bought on Wolff Avenue to accommodate the added number of Sisters so generously provided by the Mother General and Provincial of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Both the Church and Annex Auditorium were used on Sunday for the numerically increasing congregation, To take care of school enrollment now reaching almost a thousand children, a new Church building was undertaken, and the old Church converted into six more classrooms. The beautiful new Church, with a seating capacity of 1060 was completed and solemnly dedicated by His Excellency, Most Reverend George W. Ahr, the Bishop of Trenton, on August 14, 1955. The following year Monsignor Grimes was called to other diocesan responsibilities and Father Joseph R. Brzozowski was appointed Pastor on June 6, 1956. Assistants who were of such invaluable help during the 50's were: Fathers Paul Cartier (now deceased). Stanley Levandoski, Frederick Valentino, Alfred Smith and Samuel Constance.

The "SIXTIES"

This decade was to bring further challenges particularly due to the continued parish growth. The number of families reached almost 3,000 in number, Five additional classrooms were added as the enrollment reached an all time high of 1311 pupils in 1964. A new convent was constructed in 1962, on Safran Avenue, for the long-suffering but very patient sisters. In 1968 a new hexagonal type of school and gymnasium was completed as a replacement for the Annex, which then was converted into a Parish Center. The school enrollment presently is 1,002 students and a staff of 10 Sisters and 17 Lay Teachers. The priests during this time sharing with zeal and interest the many parochial responsibilities were: Fathers Christopher Reilly, Richard Ewing, Hugh Ronan and the still present Fathers Adam T. Kearns and George E, Deutsch.

For offering, with devout attention, necessary weekend priestly assistance, may we gratefully acknowledge the following: Fathers David Anderson, O.P., John Murray, C.M., Sebastian Weber, OFM Conv., Kenneth Mayer, O.S.B. and Michael Collins, O.S.B.

With just pride we lay humble claim to these vocations, "natives" of the parish: Monsignor Charles Bartok of the Orlando. (Florida) Diocese: Father James Jannucci of the Paterson Diocese, serving these many years the missions in ICA, Peru; and Father Ernest Siska, Willingboro. New Jersey, in the Diocese of Trenton.

We are equally proud of Sisters Victoria Sisolak, C.S.J., Doreen Vincz, C.S.J., Ann Ribinsky, C.S.J., Jaye Nelson, O.S.F., Violet Bloomer, O.P. (Cloistered Dominicans) and Evelyn Mary Crouch, O.S.F. Last but certainly not least. Brother Edward Smink, O.B. (Missionary Medical Brothers).

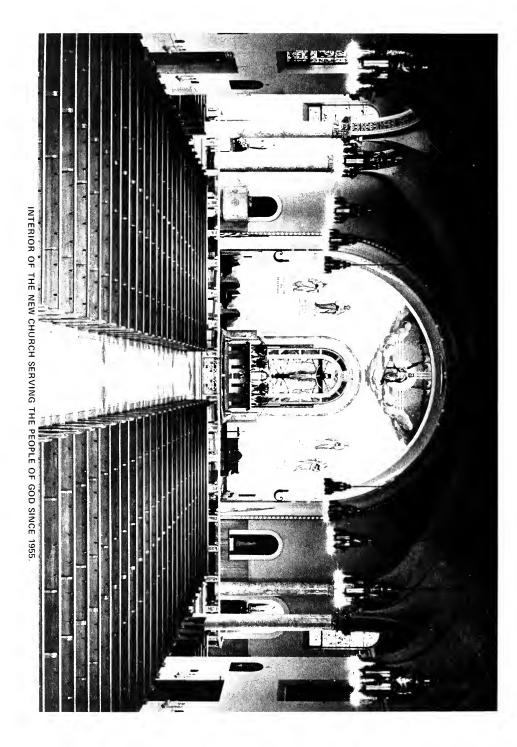
Please God may this parish nurture many more of the

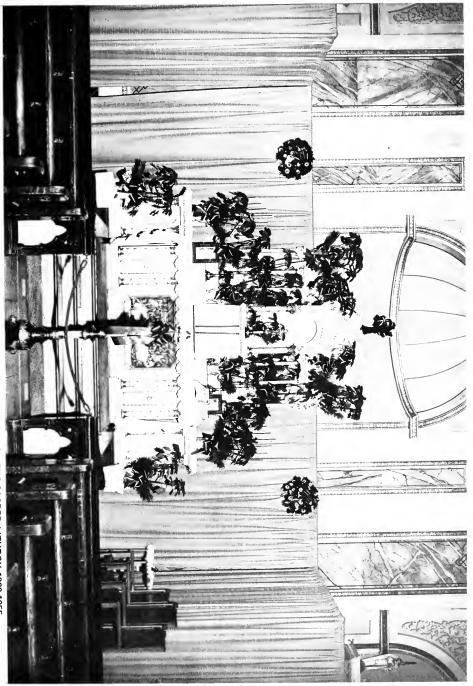
The Parish in its School and C.C.D. classes was educated, particularly in those important matters that relate to Almighty God, literally thousands of our children and youth. May it have also inspired spiritually the tens of thousands who have fulfilled their responsibilities to God under its guidance.

Parish registers indicate the following number of Sacraments administered and services offered: Baptisms: 6341, First Holy Communions: 6658, Confirmations: 6027, Marriages; 2043, Funerals: 1303,

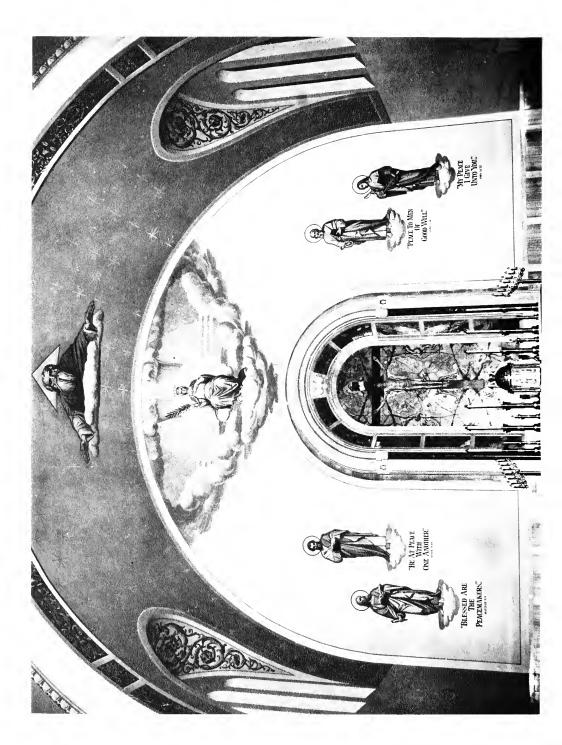
The sick cared for, parishioners counseled, instructed and concerned about ... beyond enumeration. All of the Societies in the parish made their important contribution to its life.

This history speaks eloquently of the generosity and sacrifice over these FIFTY YEARS that have made THIS PARISH a truly outstanding one in the Diocese of Trenton.





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- b) The Altar: God Incarnate, the Son of God, hangs upon the Cross. His sacrificial death has restored to Man the right to this Peace. . . making possible its attainment.
- c) The Dove: Immediately above the Crucifix is the traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit whose work as the Sanctifier is to "be sent by Christ" to distribute to man the Peace of God, 'ordained' by the Father and 'Restored' by Christ.

The Rear Wall Painting: Our Lady, Queen of Peace, is seated upon her royal throne with the symbol of peace, the olive branch, in her hand. From all eternity she was chosen by God to assume the Motherhood of His Beloved Son. Through her, as Mediatrix of All Grace, this Peace can be a reality to mankind.

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The four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, collectively represent the continuation of Christ's revealed message of Peace through the Scriptures-V.G.

Matthew (5:9) "Blessed are the peacemakers"

Mark (9:49) "Be at Peace with one another"

Luke (2:14) "Peace on earth to men of Good Will"

John (14:27) "My peace I give unto von"

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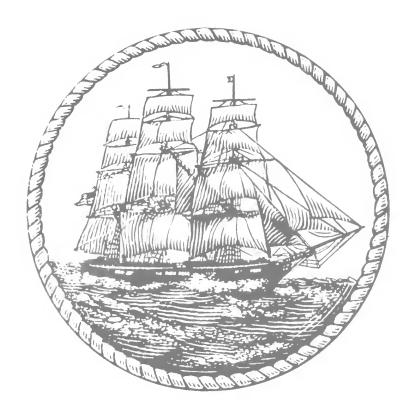


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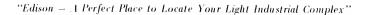
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